Anomalies in the Scale of Pharmacists of Delhi

@3595. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the Fourth Pay Commission's report Pharmacists of Delhi Administration and Corporation are being paid less than those working under the Central Government, while formerly both were given the same Pay Scales;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Lt. Governor of Delhi and Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Home Affairs have recommended restoration of parity in their Pay Scales as it existed before; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Delhi Administration had recommended the case for restoration of the parity in the subject pay scales and the matter is under consideration of the Government.

Sale of Dangerous Drugs by CIBA and Geigy Company

3596. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an international pharmaceutical company Ciba-Geigy had admitted that two drugs being sold by them for the last so many years in the world market have been found to be very dangerous;

(b) whether the company has withdrawn these drugs throughout the world;

(c) whether these drugs are still being sold in India; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) M|s Ciba-Geigy, as a matter of their global policy have preferred to withdraw their brands of Clioquinol, an anti-amoebic drug and Oxyphenbutazone, an anti-arthritic drug. It has also restricted the marketing of the drug Phenylbutazone for ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthritis only. These actions have been reported to be taken due to their own commercial policy and not on the ground of dangerous effects caused by these drugs.

(c) and (d) The experts and expert bodies consulted in the matter had opined that the drugs Clioquinol and Oxyphenbutazone|Phenylbutazone are useful drugs needed in the country for the treatment of diarrhoea and for restricted types of arthritis respectively and there is no case for total withdrawal of these drugs from the Indian market.

Prevalance of Ring Worm in Orissa

3597. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a disease called Ring Worm is widely prevalent in Orissa and as yet no medicine could be found for its treatment and cure;

(b) whether the disease is mostly prevalent among the Adivasis and

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